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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF IAEA ACCESS TO US COMMISSARY

1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING INFORMAL REQUEST FROM ROY MORGAN, US NATIONAL AND MEMBER OF FAR EAST SECTION OF INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY'S (IAEA) SAFEGUARDS OPERATIONS DIVISION.

2. IN VIEW OF THE EXTENSIVE SAFEGUARDS INSPECTION ACTIVITIES IT WILL BE CARRYING OUT UNDER THE NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT IN JAPAN, THE IAEA IS CONSIDERING, WITH GOJ APPROVAL, OPENING A SAFEGUARDS FIELD OFFICE THERE. IT IS MORGAN'S UNDERSTANDING THAT AMEMBASSY TOKYO EXTENDS COMMISSARY PRIVILEGES TO PERSONNEL OF UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS IN JAPAN, AND HE WONDERED IF THIS COULD ALSO APPLY TO THE IAEA (AN AUTONOMOUS AGENCY WITHIN UN FAMILY OF ORGANIZATIONS).

3. MISSION CAN NOT JUDGE ACCURACY OF MORGAN'S UNDERSTANDING VIS A VIS OTHER UN ORGANIZATIONS HAVING ACCESS TO US
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COMMISSARY. HOWEVER, IF SUCH PRIVILEGES COULD BE EXTENDED TO IAEA STAFF, THE IAEA TASK OF ATTRACTING QUALIFIED STAFF FOR POSTING IN JAPAN WOULD BE EASIER. THIS WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF US NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES AND THEREFORE MISSION WOULD SUPPORT FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST, PROVIDED IT WAS CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT PRACTICES AND REGULATIONS RE USE OF EMBASSY

COMMISSARY.

4. IAEA'S FAR EAST SECTION PRESENTLY CONSISTS OF 14 PROFESSIONALS, AND THE JAPAN FIELD OFFICE MIGHT CONSIST OF TWO TO FOUR INDIVIDUALS FROM VARIOUS OF IAEA'S 110 MEMBER NATIONS.

5. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE AMEMBASSY TOKYO CONSIDERING THIS POSSIBILITY AND WOULD BE PLEASED TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON REQUEST. MR. MORGAN IS CURRENTLY IN JAPAN ON A ROUTINE INSPECTION VISIT AND COULD BE CONTACTED FOR AN INFORMAL RPT INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, IN CARE OF IAEA, GRAND PALACE HOTEL, IIDABACHI, TOKYO. STONE

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